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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: K. Fernandez
Masato MURAKI et al.	)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2881
Application No.: 09/708,590	)	
	:	Allowed: October 28, 2002
Filed: November 9, 2000	)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 2106
For: CORRECTING METHOD FOR	)	
CORRECTING EXPOSURE DATA USED	:	January 28, 2003
FOR A CHARGED PARTICLE BEAM	)	
EXPOSURE SYSTEM	:	

Commissioner for Patents  
Box RCE  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please substitute the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 9, and ending on page 7, line 11, with the following. A marked-up copy of this paragraph, showing the changes made thereto, is attached in Appendix A.